

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are pending and are subject to restriction.

The Examiner cites Reuscher, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,728,823, col. 22, Example 10, as meeting the definition of a compound of present formula 1a.

The compound of Example 10 of Reuscher is:

CD-O-CH₂-CH(OH)-CH₂-NH-C₂H₅ reacted with cyanuric chloride, where CD is cyclodextrin

This compound is prepared by the reaction of 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin with ethylamine followed by reaction with cyanuric chloride.

The polysaccharide of Reuscher is linked to a spacer via an oxygen atom.

Alternatively, in the compounds of present formula 1a, the polysaccharide is linked to a spacer (B) over a nitrogen atom.

Applicants submit that Reuscher does not anticipate the present compounds of formula 1a.

As the Examiner cited anticipation by Reuscher to determine that Groups I-XXXVI are not linked by the same or a corresponding special technical feature to form a single general inventive concept, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction.

Applicants hereby elect Group XII, claims 1-10 (in part) and 16 (in part) drawn to a reactive polysaccharide where A is N and Z₁ is a radical of the heterocyclic series.

The Examiner is kindly requested to examine all compounds of formula 1a together. The help of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

As a single disclosed specie, Applicants elect present compound 116a on page 38 of the disclosure. This is a compound of formula 1a where Q₁ is ethyl, B is 1,2-ethylene and A is -NH- and Z₁ is a reactive radical of the heterocyclic series.

Applicants submit that the present elections constitute a complete response to the restriction requirement.

Applicants respectfully await consideration of the present claims on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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